THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Government have taken a number of steps to ensure that women employees are aware of their rights to protect themselves from sexual harassment at their work places or related places. These steps, *inter-alia*, are request to various Ministries/Departments and other organization of Central/State Government to constitute Complaints Committees, amendment of Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules and Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946 in order to prohibit sexual harassment. Besides, the National Commission for Women (NCW) has formulated a Code of Conduct for work place which has been widely circulated amongst Government/non-governmental organizations. To monitor the implemenation, a Central Committee headed by Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development in the Ministry of Human Resource Development has been constituted.

(b) to (d) The Government does not receive complaints directly. These are received by Complaints Committees set up in various Ministries/Departments and other institutions and actions are taken as per the existing rules. However, NCW have received 143 complaints of harassment upto 30/6/2002 from various States during the last three years.

Dalit families rendered homeless in Gujarat

2028. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of dalit families have been rendered homeless during the recent Gujarat riots; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Government of Gujarat have intimated that during the recent riots in Gujarat, 33 such families were rendered homeless and the estimated loss on account of fully destroyed houses in Rs. 03.38 lakhs. Further, 565 houses were partially destroyed with estimated loss of Rs. 27.62 lakhs.